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Dear Ms. Best,

We received your 17 June 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

- Documents mentioning or relating to Anonymous (the hacker movement/collective, see below) or hacktivism (defined as hacking as a form of protest and/or activism) generated between 1 January 2009 and 1 January 2019, including but not limited to:

- \* Internal reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to Anonymous or hacktivism
- \* Reports from the appropriate IT (Information Technology) or computer offices regarding possible cyber-attacks by Anonymous or other hacktivists
- \* Reports, bulletins, warnings and alerts relating to or mentioning Anonymous or hacktivism sent to or received from any federal law enforcement or intelligence agencies or any fusion center
- \* Incident reports investigating possible hacking activity falling within the office's jurisdiction and allegedly carried out by members of Anonymous or other hacktivist groups
- \* Materials generated as a result of any suspected or actual compromise, breach or "dox" (revealing of personal or private information) by Anonymous or other hacktivists

Anonymous has been described by government agencies as a non-hierarchical hacktivist collective. Anonymous uses hacking (and arguably cracking) techniques to register political protest in campaigns known as "#ops." Best known for their distributed denial of services (DDoS) attacks, past activities have included attacks against the Church of Scientology; Visa, Paypal, and others who withdrew their services from WikiLeaks' Julian Assange after that group began releasing war documents; #OpTunisia and others purporting to support the Arab Spring; and a campaign that brought down the website of the Westboro Baptist Church. #Ops are usually marked with the release of a video of a reader in a Guy Fawkes mask using a computer generated voice. See attached for additional background information.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.)

The FOIA provides for the collection of fees based on the costs of processing a FOIA request and your fee category. Based on the information in your request, we have determined your fee category is News Media. As a result, you are required to pay duplication charges (\$.15 per page) in excess of 100 pages. However, if you would agree to receive all documents electronically, there would be no duplication costs.

Please be advised that we have 20 duty days to submit a formal response. You should receive a response from us by 17 July 2019. If we cannot meet this 20 day suspense you will be notified.

We will process your request and provide a response directly to you. If you have any questions, you can contact me at (210) 652-2186 or e-mail at [tabatha.matthew.1@us.af.mil](mailto:tabatha.matthew.1@us.af.mil).

Sincerely

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